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nation of the species. In the present work the author gives us short chapters on habits and distribution, morphology, fructification, germination, structure, classification and nomenclature, how to study ferns, and fern literature, then the classification and description of the North American species. There is also an excellent glossary of technical terms, and one of specific names, and a copious index. The illustrations, although not of superior excellence, convey all the information required. Great care has evidently been expended upon the key to the genera and species, which has readily taken us to the plants as far as tried. It is to be regretted that the chapter on the literature of ferns is so brief, as it could have been extended; and we notice that the name of Mr. C. E. Faxon, who drew the plates for the second volume of Eaton's Ferns, and decidedly the best plates in that work, is omitted entirely from the notice of that book. Mr. Underwood is to be congratulated upon the success of his work, and it is to be hoped that he will soon have cause to prepare a second and perhaps enlarged edition.—J. R., Salem, Mass.

§ 80. **Proceedings of the Torrey Club.**—The regular meeting of the Club was held at the Herbarium, Columbia College, Tuesday evening, May 10th, the President in the chair and twenty-six members present.

Miss Knight read a list of 28 plants found during the field meeting, May 7th, at Bronxville. This locality was found to be a new station for *Dentaria diphylla* and *Mitella diphylla*.

Plants exhibited.—Mr. W. F. Miller exhibited an interesting collection of Alpine plants. Dr. Kunze, in behalf of Mr. I. S. Buchanan, distributed flowering specimens taken from a graft grown from the noted pear-tree which, up to the time of its destruction in 1867, stood on the corner of Third Avenue and Thirteenth Street, a locality in the early history of the island forming a portion of the farm of Petrus Stuyvesant, the last Dutch director general of New Netherland (New York). Mr. Bicknell exhibited and remarked upon the following

Teratological specimens:—*Dicentra Cucullaria*, DC., showing fission of the scape as far as the flowering portion extended; *Anemone Hepatica*, L., having three flowers, subtended by a common involucre, at the apex of the scape; catkins of *Salix*, some of which were proliferous and bore two diverging ovaries on a common pedicel, and one of the specimens, moreover, bearing ovaries, within many of which were found poliniferous anthers.

Mr. Brown remarked on the similarity of habit of several *Compositae*, such as *Anthemis Cotula*, DC., *Anthemis arvensis*, L., *Matricaria Chamomilla* and *Chrysanthemum inodorum*, and gave some practical hints as to how they might be readily distinguished from each other.

The presentation, by Mr. Willis, of specimens of *Cypripedium pubescens*, from White Plains, gave rise to a discussion on the subject of orchids which consumed the remainder of the evening.

The resignation of Mr. Schrenk as a member of the field-day committee was accepted, and Dr. Schöny was appointed in his stead.

One active member was elected.

ERRATUM.—In the June number, page 68, thirtieth line from top, the word "as" should be inserted between "ascending" and "when," to give the sense the author intended.